Camp Floyd State Park plans a Memorial Day program

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The Memorial Day holiday will be celebrated with special programs, tours and displays at Camp Floyd-Stagecoach Inn State Park, according to Ben White, superintendent.

Activities will begin Sunday at 1 p.m. when the American Legion unit from Kearns, Dist. 8, conducts a ceremony at the Camp Floyd military cemetery.

Prof. Gene Sessions of Weber State College will be the guest speaker at the ceremony, and will speak on the history of Camp Floyd, which once was the largest "city" in Utah.

The Utah County Civil WAr Association, along with the 163rd Armored Cavalry Regiment from West Jordan will also participate.

On Monday, May 25, Dr. Dale Berge, of Brigham Young University, and several of his students who are conducting an archaeological excavation at Camp Floyd will conduct tours of the "dig" for park visitors and the general public. Tours will be open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Also on Memorial Day, the Utah County Civil War Association, under the direction of Jared Cornell, will be displaying a collection of Civil War equipment east of the Stagecoach Inn Museum, for those interested in seeing the collection.

The association has uniforms, weapons, tents and other equipment used in the Civil War period, and members who will be camping in the area invite the public to come and see how the soldiers of that period, lived, marched, and used their weapons. They will shoot volleys of blanks with the weapons.

White said state park officials hope to make this an annual event on Memorial Day.

White said graves of the veterans will be decorated with flags and the large flags at the military cemetery will be lowered to half staff. A guest speaker will be addressing the group present, and military units will fire a 21-gun salute.